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To authorize the Secretary of Transportation to convey the vessel S/S RED OAK VICTORY to Richmond Museum Association, Inc., located in Richmond, California, for use as a monument to the wartime accomplishments of the City of Richmond.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 15, 1995

Mr. MILLER of California introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on National Security

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. AUTHORITY TO CONVEY VESSEL.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other law,
5 the Secretary of Transportation may convey the right,
6 title, and interest of the United States Government in and
7 to the vessel S/S RED OAK VICTORY (Victory Ship

1 VCS-AP2; United States Navy Hull No. AK235) to the
2 City of Richmond Museum Association, Inc., located in
3 Richmond, California (in this section referred to as “the
4 recipient”), if—

5 (1) the recipient agrees to use the vessel for the
6 purposes of a monument to the wartime accomplish-
7 ments of the City of Richmond;

8 (2) the vessel is not used for commercial trans-
9 portation purposes;

10 (3) the recipient agrees to make the vessel
11 available to the Government if the Secretary requires
12 use of the vessel by the Government for war or a na-
13 tional emergency;

14 (4) the recipient agrees to hold the Government
15 harmless for any claims arising from exposure to as-
16 bestos after conveyance of the vessel, except for
17 claims arising from use by the Government under
18 paragraph (3); and

19 (5) the recipient has available, for use to re-
20 store the vessel, in the form of cash, liquid assets,
21 or a written loan commitment, financial resources of
22 at least \$100,000.

23 (b) DELIVERY OF VESSEL.—If a conveyance is made
24 under this section, the Secretary shall deliver the vessel
25 at the place where the vessel is located on the date of en-

1 actment of this Act, in its present condition, without cost
2 to the Government.

3 (c) OTHER UNNEEDED EQUIPMENT.—The Secretary
4 may convey to the recipient any unneeded equipment from
5 other vessels in the National Defense Reserve Fleet for
6 use to restore the S/S RED OAK VICTORY to museum
7 quality.

8 (d) RETENTION OF VESSEL IN NDRF.—The Sec-
9 retary shall retain in the National Defense Reserve Fleet
10 the vessel authorized to be conveyed under subsection (a),
11 until the earlier of—

12 (1) 2 years after the date of the enactment of
13 this Act; or

14 (2) the date of conveyance of the vessel under
15 subsection (a).

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